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**Sent:** 10/31/2017 6:55:59 PM  
**To:** Lindsey, Deborah [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ce46a259227a40bf8f8dae58f8284cd1-Lindsey, Deborah]  
**Subject:** Re: OSC REPONSES? Fw: Parkersburg Fire - JIC - Tues., Oct. 31 - 2nd update

Hi Deb

I don't know what was reported to what media either - nothing thru my media office that I heard about.

I offered that epi assistance on Friday to Wood County on behalf of ATSDR not EPA, so that would be a point of clarification. But we offered tox support at EPA request so I guess it depends on what they are referring to!! Maybe say "in coordination with" or "in collaboration with" to be accurate for either case?

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On Oct 31, 2017, at 2:34 PM, Lindsey, Deborah <[Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov)> wrote:

Lora – the PIO is drafting bullet points for the next update – the following is what they prepared regarding your agency. I am not sure what was reported to what media per this statement but I wanted to double check with that this statement is correct....

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Debbie Lindsey  
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**To:** Lindsey, Deborah <[Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: OSC REPONSES? Fw: Parkersburg Fire - JIC - Tues., Oct. 31 - 2nd update

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferrell, Mark" <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>

**Date:** October 31, 2017 at 1:59:01 PM EDT

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**Subject:** OSC REPONSES? Fw: Parkersburg Fire - JIC - Tues., Oct. 31 - 2nd update

Hi guys - just double checking, you two are providing these responses to Larry for his updates?

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**From:** Messina, Lawrence C <[Lawrence.C.Messina@wv.gov](mailto:Lawrence.C.Messina@wv.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:30 PM

**To:** Adler, Allison C; Holstein, Jessica N; Ferrell, Mark; Antolini, Butch; Glance, Jacob P; Brainard, Carrie L; Mike Fling ([mfling@k12.wv.us](mailto:mfling@k12.wv.us)); Wagoner, Toby D

**Subject:** RE: Parkersburg Fire - JIC - Tues., Oct. 31 - 2nd update

Good afternoon. Here is the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the bullet points, reflecting input from WV DEP. I've changed their bullet points and also moved them up.

- The cool-down period concluded at noon today without any signs of flare-ups or other incidents; the cool-down was extended to the full 48 hours to ensure a comprehensive monitoring of the site;
- As a result, Specialized Professional Services, Inc. (SPSI) is concluding the work it has conducted for Wood County officials;
- As of this morning, the principal owner of the site had not indicated that SPSI would be retained to assist with the mandated site cleanup and debris removal;
- The Homeland Security and Emergency Response (HS-ER) section of the W.Va. Department of Environmental Protection (WV DEP) conducted air monitoring through Monday morning, and will post those results as it has for all previous monitoring;
- As reported to media, IEI provided documents Sunday and again on Monday in response to the order of compliance issued by WV DEP on Thursday;

- Monday's records were submitted during a face-to-face meeting between the local, county and state officials involved in the response and the principal owner of IEI and his representatives;
- WV DEP has concluded that these records do not sufficiently satisfy the order of compliance, and specifically its directive requiring a complete and detailed inventory for the site;
- The local, county and state officials involved in the response absolutely recognize that the public has legitimate and understandable questions regarding the contents of the site (nature and quantity) at the time of the fire;
- Mindful of the speculation spurred by inaccurate and incomplete information, Incident Command can release the detailed inventory or the warehouse's contents once IEI provides a list that meets the requirement stated in the order issued by WV DEP;
- As there are ongoing investigations, Incident Command will release accurate and sufficiently complete information in coordination with the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office;
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) plans to collect ash and soil samples from the site, in coordination with the owner;
- US EPA would conduct that sampling Wednesday. The results from the lab analysis that will follow are expected to take after about three weeks.
- US EPA will also evaluate and clear the fire-fighting equipment used during the response;
- US EPA will continue to coordinate with local and state public health officials as well as the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to provide public health-related information;
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- As reported to media on Monday, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) inspected an IEI-affiliated property on Thursday and three more on Friday;
- As indicated by the Incident Commander, Lubeck Fire Chief Mark Stewart, at least one of those inspections revealed potential fire code violations. However, the State Fire Marshal will release final results from these inspections only when they are completed and assessed;
- The State Fire Marshal's Office stresses that these inspections have so far yielded \*no\* signs of imminent danger;

- The State Fire Marshal's Office is scheduling inspections for the remaining IEI-associated properties;
- WV DEP's Homeland Security and Emergency Response section and Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) will accompany the State Fire Marshal inspectors whenever they share regulatory jurisdiction;

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**Subject:** Parkersburg Fire - JIC - Tues., Oct. 31 - 1st update

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon. Given the various moving parts, I propose sending out this lengthy series of bullet points to update the press and the public (all of this has been run past Chief Stewart, who remains Incident Commander).

I believe we should issue these as soon as practically possible.

For your review:

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- Mindful of the speculation spurred by incomplete and inaccurate information, Incident Command cannot release any information regarding the inventory until it hears from DEP that this critical provision has been satisfied;
- As there are ongoing investigations, Incident Command will release accurate and sufficiently complete information regarding the inventory only in coordination with the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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